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PURPOSE

To provide guidelines within the Nevada Department of Corrections for inmate sick call.

AUTHORITY

NRS 209.131
NRS 209.381
NRS 209.246

RESPONSIBILITY

The Medical Division Staff are responsible to establish and direct inmate sick call.

DEFINITIONS

SICK CALL – An organized method of determining inmate health problems through a regularly scheduled system.

APPLICABILITY

This regulation applies to all institutions and facilities with health care services.

PROCEDURES

617.01 INMATE SICK CALL

1.1 All inmates will be provided the opportunity to report a medical illness or other health problem and receive diagnosis and/or treatment to alleviate the condition, if possible. **(3-4353)**

1.1.1 No inmate will be refused sick call for financial reasons.

1.1.2 All inmates have the right to be seen by a physician or nurse as needed

1.2 Only nursing and medical staff may develop inmate sick call lists.

1.3 Sick call is to be conducted on a first come, first served basis. A Medical Kite and/or Service Report Form DOC- 2500, requesting to be seen will be accounted for per institutional protocol.

1.4 The inmate-assessed charges will be charged against an inmate's account for each visit initiated by the inmate to an institutional physician, mid-level practitioner, dentist, optometrist, psychiatrist, or institutional registered nurse for examination or treatment.

1.5 Inmates will not be charged for medical visits initiated by medical or mental health staff, referrals to a physician from mid-level practitioners, emergency treatment, or follow-up visits initiated by a medical professional, unless the medical assessment relates to an incident covered under NRS 209.246, which involves self-inflicted injury, recreational injury, and inmate-on-inmate injuries.

1.5.1 Inmates are required to present their identification card and to sign the Sign-In Sheet Form, DOC – 2544, provided by the medical staff before consultation, examination, or treatment. If an inmate refuses to sign in, it will be noted on the Sign-In Sheet, DOC-2544, and a Release of Liability, DOC – 2523, completed and signed by the inmate.

REFERENCES

ACA Standard 3-4353

ATTACHMENTS

Release of Liability, DOC-2523
Medical Kite and/or Service Report, DOC-2500
Sign-In Sheet, DOC-2544

Jackie Crawford, Director

Date

Ted D'Amico, D.O., Medical Director

Date

CONFIDENTIAL

Yes

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No

**THIS PROCEDURE SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR WRITTEN PROCEDURES ON THIS
SPECIFIC SUBJECT.**